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## Madera County FSA Updates

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**Madera County:**

### Reporting of Fall Crops

*All producers are reminded that the acreage reporting date for 2014 fall crops is **December 15, 2013. This applies to all perennial forage (e.g. alfalfa, native pasture land).** Please call for an appointment to certify your crops. The one year grace period for late crop reporting has expired. Producers who fail to meet the deadline will incur late filing fees.*

**Office Location:**

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Madera, CA

**Contact Information:**

Phone (559) 674-4628 ext. 2  
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**Hours:**

Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Committee (COC):**

Ryan Jones, Chair  
Alfonso Gil, Vice Chair

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### 2014 Crop Reporting Dates

May 31, 2013	NAP nursery crops
September 15, 2013	Strawberries planted 6/15 – 8/15/2013
September 30, 2013	NAP value loss (e.g. Christmas trees, floriculture)
December 15, 2013	<b>Perennial forage</b> (e.g. rye, orchard grass, Bermuda grass, alfalfa, native pasture)
January 2, 2014	NAP honey
January 15, 2014	Strawberries planted 8/16 - 11/15/2013 Avocados, blueberries, grapefruit, lemons, mandarins, Minneola, tangelos, navel oranges, Orlando tangelos, sweet oranges, Valencia oranges

Sundee Gill, Member		Sugar beets planted 9/1 - 12/13/2013
FSA Office Staff	March 15, 2014	Alfalfa seed, wheat (fall and spring), almonds, apples, barley (fall), cherries, figs, aricots, freestone peaches, nectarines, oats, pears, plums, cling peaches, prunes, walnuts.
Joe Grillo - CED Debbie Cook - PT Nancy Talley - PT	May 15, 2014	Grapes and table grapes
NRCS Office Staff	June 15, 2014	Forage for seed crops Strawberries all other plant dates.
Jennifer Johnson - DC Dennis Dudley Mira Dick Priscilla Baker Mark Eberhart Darren Holguin Sheryl Feit	July 15, 2014	Alfalfa seed (spring), barley (spring), corn, cotton (Upland and ELS), cultivated wild rice, dry
	beans,	tomatoes (FR and PR), grain sorghum, mint, oats (springs), onions, rice, safflower, and all other crops except raisins.
<b>Next COC Meeting:</b>	July 31, 2014	Raisins
November 6, 2013		

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## County Committee Elections

Watch your mailbox for your official county office committee election ballot starting early next month. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters in LAA 2 (area south of Road 14 and the north of the San Joaquin River, west of Highway 99) on November 4, 2013. If for some reason you don't receive a ballot, feel free to notify the Madera County FSA office.

Completed and signed ballots must be returned to the county office by close of business on December 2, 2013.

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## Marketing Assistance Loans

A Marketing Assistance Loan (MAL) is available for producers who share in the risk of producing the crop. To be eligible, a producer must maintain continual beneficial interest in the crop from harvest through the earlier of the date the loan is repaid or CCC takes title to the commodity. Beneficial interest means retaining the ability to make decisions about the commodity; responsibility for loss or damage to the commodity; and title to the commodity. Once beneficial interest in a commodity is lost, the commodity is ineligible for loan — even if the producer regains beneficial interest.

Commodity loan eligibility also requires compliance with conservation and wetland protection requirements; beneficial interest and acreage reporting requirements and ensuring that the commodity meets Commodity Credit Corporation minimum grade and quality standards. For commodities to be eligible they must have been produced by an eligible producer, be in existence and in a storable condition and be merchantable for food, feed or other uses as determined by CCC. The quality of the commodity in farm storage must be maintained throughout the term of the loan.

Producers do not have to participate in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical and/or ACRE programs to be eligible for commodity loans.

Violating provisions of a marketing assistance loan may trigger administrative actions, such as assessing

liquidated damages, calling the loan and denial of future farm-stored loans.

The most common violations are removing or disposing of a commodity being used as loan collateral without prior authorization and providing an incorrect quantity certification

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## Rural Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to rural youths to establish and operate income-producing projects in connection with 4-H Clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

For more information regarding a youth loan in Madera you can stop by the Merced County FSA Office.

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## Emergency Loans - Secretarial Natural Disaster Designations

As a result of these designations, the counties listed are eligible for Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency (EM) loans for eligible family farmers.

The following current disaster designations have been declared by the Secretary of Agriculture:

**Date Declared:** 02/27/2013

**Designation Code:** S3491

**Disaster Description:** Merced and Madera Counties have been named eligible for USDA emergency farm loans because of physical and production losses based on damages and losses caused by drought, which occurred January 1, 2013, through February 25, 2013.

**Final Date to Apply:** 10/28/2013

**Date Declared:** 04/24/2013

**Designation Code:** S3511

**Disaster Description:** Merced, Madera, and Mariposa Counties have been named eligible for USDA emergency farm loans because of physical and production losses based on damages and losses caused by drought, which occurred February 26, 2013, through April 22, 2013.

**Final Date to Apply:** 12/24/2013

**Date Declared:** 07/03/2013

**Designation Code:** S3547

**Disaster Description:** Merced, Madera, and Mariposa Counties have been named eligible for USDA emergency farm loans because of physical and production losses based on damages and losses caused by drought, which occurred on May 5, 2013, through July 1, 2013.

**Final Date to Apply:** 03/03/2014

**Date Declared:** 07/31/2013

**Designation Code:** S3558

**Disaster Description:** Merced County has been named eligible for USDA emergency farm loans because of physical and production losses based on damages and losses caused by drought, which occurred on June 4,

2013, through July 29, 2013.

**Final Date to Apply:** 03/31/2014

**Some of the eligibility requirements are as follows:**

- Have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of normal production directly related to the cited cause,
- Be able to repay the loan and any other loans,
- Be Unable to obtain credit elsewhere,
- Have adequate security,
- Have multi-peril crop insurance, if available, and
- Meet all other eligibility criteria.

**For more information on these loans contact the Merced FSA Office at (209) 722-4119**

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